

Town of Arlington Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Veterans' Services

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<u>VETERANS' COUNCIL AGENDA – 7 DEC 2023</u> Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm – 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA Room #201

Call to Order

Introduction of members

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 82nd Anniversary – Screen short video & member/attendee comments

Old Business

1. Veterans Day 2023 – Thanks to all participants and attendees

New Business

- 1. Process to fill vacancy of seat formerly held by Annmarie Russo
- 2. Veteran Memorial Park Redevelopment Update
 - a. Current Stage Selection of Firm to Develop Detailed Design
 - **b.** Veteran Honor Roll roster concerns raised by local veterans
 - i. Inclusion of more identifying information (MI, etc)
 - ii. Arrangement by service periods
 - iii. Ideas to simplify how eligibility criteria are presented on the Veterans Service webpage
- 3. Introduction of HERO Act bill by Governor Healey
- **4.** Idea for oral history initiative focused on Arlington Korean War veterans (suggested by Korean War veteran Robet McKersie)
- **5.** Veteran Coffee Gatherings at Community Center and Veteran Breakfasts at Brightview
- 6. Look-ahead to Memorial Day, 27 May 2024

Open Forum

Next meeting date: 04 JAN 2024

Meeting adjourned